

think we should proceed to get the information before we extend NAFTA, especially on a fast track.

#### FAMILIES SHOULD HAVE MORE

(Mr. TIAHRT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, there was a fascinating article on the front page of the Washington Post last week. The article is entitled "Voters Feeling Remote From Issues In Capital." One person is quoted as saying, "Politics in Washington doesn't seem to affect me directly."

Well, Mr. Speaker, many people do not realize it but Washington does affect them directly. Political choices made in Washington have a direct impact on the amount of taxes they pay. Perhaps people feel that regardless of what politicians say, they know that the tax bill will keep going up.

That, in fact, is the way things have been going here in Washington. The family tax burden has steadily climbed upwards from 5 percent in 1950 to 25 percent today. Let me remind my colleagues that is only the Federal tax burden. When we add that with hidden taxes, with State and local taxes, it goes to over 50 percent.

Now it is time for a change. It is time for Washington to spend a little less so families can have a little more.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CALVERT). Pursuant to the provisions of clause 5 of rule I, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 4 of rule XV.

Such rollcall votes, if postponed, will be taken after debate has concluded on all motions to suspend the rules but not before 5 p.m. today.

#### JUVENILE CRIME CONTROL AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION ACT OF 1997

Mr. RIGGS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1818) to amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 1818

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Juvenile Crime Control and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1997".

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

*Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.*

#### TITLE I—AMENDMENTS TO JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION ACT OF 1974

- Sec. 101. Findings.*
- Sec. 102. Purpose.*
- Sec. 103. Definitions.*
- Sec. 104. Name of office.*
- Sec. 105. Concentration of Federal effort.*
- Sec. 106. Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.*
- Sec. 107. Annual report.*
- Sec. 108. Allocation.*
- Sec. 109. State plans.*
- Sec. 110. Juvenile delinquency prevention block grant program.*
- Sec. 111. Research; evaluation; technical assistance; training.*
- Sec. 112. Demonstration projects.*
- Sec. 113. Authorization of appropriations.*
- Sec. 114. Administrative authority.*
- Sec. 115. Use of funds.*
- Sec. 116. Limitation on use of funds.*
- Sec. 117. Rule of construction.*
- Sec. 118. Leasing surplus Federal property.*
- Sec. 119. Issuance of Rules.*
- Sec. 120. Technical and conforming amendments.*
- Sec. 121. References.*

#### TITLE II—AMENDMENTS TO THE RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS YOUTH ACT

- Sec. 201. Findings.*
- Sec. 202. Authority to make grants for centers and services.*
- Sec. 203. Eligibility.*
- Sec. 204. Approval of applications.*
- Sec. 205. Authority for transitional living grant program.*
- Sec. 206. Eligibility.*
- Sec. 207. Authority to make grants for research, evaluation, demonstration, and service projects.*
- Sec. 208. Temporary demonstration projects to provide services to youth in rural areas.*
- Sec. 209. Sexual abuse prevention program.*
- Sec. 210. Assistance to potential grantees.*
- Sec. 211. Reports.*
- Sec. 212. Evaluation.*
- Sec. 213. Authorization of appropriations.*
- Sec. 214. Consolidated review of applications.*
- Sec. 215. Definitions.*
- Sec. 216. Redesignation of sections.*
- Sec. 217. Technical amendment.*

#### TITLE III—INCENTIVE GRANTS FOR LOCAL DELINQUENCY PREVENTION PROGRAMS

- Sec. 301. Duties and functions of the Administrator.*
- Sec. 302. Grants for prevention programs.*
- Sec. 303. Repeal of definition.*
- Sec. 304. Authorization of appropriations.*

#### TITLE IV—GENERAL PROVISIONS

- Sec. 401. Effective date; application of amendments.*

#### TITLE I—AMENDMENTS TO JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION ACT OF 1974

##### SEC. 101. FINDINGS.

Section 101 of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5601) is amended to read as follows:

##### "FINDINGS

"SEC. 101. (a) The Congress finds the following:

"(1) There has been a dramatic increase in juvenile delinquency, particularly violent crime committed by juveniles. Weapons offenses and homicides are 2 of the fastest growing crimes committed by juveniles. More than 1/2 of juvenile victims are killed with a firearm. Approximately 1/3 of the individuals arrested for committing violent crime are less than 18 years of age. The increase in both the number of youth below the age of 15 and females arrested for violent crime is cause for concern.

"(2) This problem should be addressed through a 2-track common sense approach that addresses the needs of individual juveniles and society at large by promoting—

"(A) quality prevention programs that—

"(i) work with juveniles, their families, local public agencies, and community-based organizations, and take into consideration such factors as whether or not juveniles have been the victims of family violence (including child abuse and neglect); and

"(ii) are designed to reduce risks and develop competencies in at-risk juveniles that will prevent, and reduce the rate of, violent delinquent behavior; and

"(B) programs that assist in holding juveniles accountable for their actions, including a system of graduated sanctions to respond to each delinquent act, requiring juveniles to make restitution, or perform community service, for the damage caused by their delinquent acts, and methods for increasing victim satisfaction with respect to the penalties imposed on juveniles for their acts.

"(b) Congress must act now to reform this program by focusing on juvenile delinquency prevention programs, as well as programs that hold juveniles accountable for their acts. Without true reform, the criminal justice system will not be able to overcome the challenges it will face in the coming years when the number of juveniles is expected to increase by 30 percent."

##### SEC. 102. PURPOSE.

Section 102 of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5602) is amended to read as follows:

##### "PURPOSES

"SEC. 102. The purposes of this title and title II are—

"(1) to support State and local programs that prevent juvenile involvement in delinquent behavior;

"(2) to assist State and local governments in promoting public safety by encouraging accountability for acts of juvenile delinquency; and

"(3) to assist State and local governments in addressing juvenile crime through the provision of technical assistance, research, training, evaluation, and the dissemination of information on effective programs for combating juvenile delinquency."

##### SEC. 103. DEFINITIONS.

Section 103 of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5603) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (3) by striking "to help prevent juvenile delinquency" and inserting "designed to reduce known risk factors for juvenile delinquent behavior, provides activities that build on protective factors for, and develop competencies in, juveniles to prevent, and reduce the rate of, delinquent juvenile behavior";

(2) in paragraph (4) by inserting "title I of" before "the Omnibus" each place it appears,

(3) in paragraph (7) by striking "the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands,"

(4) in paragraph (9) by striking "justice" and inserting "crime control";

(5) in paragraph (12)(B) by striking ", of any nonoffender,"

(6) in paragraph (13)(B) by striking ", any non-offender,"

(7) in paragraph (14) by inserting "drug trafficking," after "assault,"

(8) in paragraph (16)—

(A) in subparagraph (A) by adding "and" at the end, and

(B) by striking subparagraph (C),

(9) by striking paragraph (17),

(10) in paragraph (22)—

(A) by redesignating subparagraphs (i), (ii), and (iii) as subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C), respectively, and

(B) by striking "and" at the end,